



Petersfield Area Churches Together

11 Churches - many shades of worship - but only 1 God

July 2013 Newsletter

Hello, may God continue to bless you and your family over the summer holidays, Susanne

New Chairman of Trustees needed for Petersfield Shopmobility

There is currently a vacancy for chairman of the Trustees, the present chairman having been in place for the last 5 years.

Main Duties:

- 1) To lead a team of trustees and volunteers in the operational management of Petersfield Shopmobility.
- 2) To maintain a sound financial position.
- 3) To liaise with, and raise the profile of ShopMobility within the local area.
- 4) To run the charity within current legislation and the constitution.

Petersfield Shopmobility is a charity (1055307) and has been running successfully since the building within the main Petersfield car park was opened in November 2002. The building externally is maintained by E.H.D.C. with any internal costs being borne by Petersfield

There is a good team of volunteers covering the time that Shopmobility is open which is 10:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday (closed on Bank Holidays). The day is divided into two sessions – 10:00am to 1:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Some volunteers cover both sessions.

There is a small charge to hire the equipment and an annual membership of £5. The scooters and wheelchairs can be hired for any length of time and can be taken away on holiday within U.K. or abroad.

Financially Petersfield Shopmobility is sound. However, we are never complacent and do fund-raise from time to time.

There are currently eight trustees which includes a secretary and a treasurer. The accounts are audited by an external auditor annually. Shopmobility A.G.M. takes place each September. In addition to the A.G.M. there are quarterly trustee/volunteer meetings.

For further information please contact: Alan Rushton 01730 267512 or ACRUSHTON@sky.com

Advance notice: Ride & Stride 2013

Saturday, 14th September: This year's sponsored Ride and Stride will mark 25 years of fund-raising towards the upkeep of some 900 historic church buildings in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Please join us in celebrating this special occasion. Since 1988, Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust (HIHCT) has helped more than 300 churches and chapels of all denominations with grants and loans in excess of £540,000, for essential repairs, renovation and restoration. The bulk of this money has been raised by Riders and Striders who, each year, set out on foot, by bike and on horseback to visit as many churches as they can in a day. Fifty per cent of the sponsorship money raised goes to the church of the participant's choice; the other 50% plus Gift Aid, goes to HIHCT to make much-needed grants and loans to churches across the region. There are various ways you can help and join in on the day: 1) Cycle, walk, run, ride, drive - or even use your bus pass - to visit participating churches; invite family, friends, and colleagues to sponsor you (or your dog!) 2) Be a "meeter and greeter" in your church for part of the day or provide cakes and refreshments for the Riders and Striders 3) Sponsor friends or family taking part. It is a great day out for all. Please see our website for further details. HIHCT is run entirely by volunteers. www.hihct.org.uk (registered Charity No 299633)

Advance notice: Unity Bookshop

Saturday, 12th October at 3.30pm (St Peter's Church): Annual Thanksgiving Service followed by tea and cakes

How can the local Christians pray together more effectively for our town?

On the first Thursday of each month we meet together at 28 Moggs Mead at 2.00pm. At other times, there is Prayer Impact. Have you seen this red pi symbol (π) on people's front doors and windows? If yes, it means that the household is involved in Prayer Impact. Prayer Impact is about Christians who live near each other, especially from different churches, meeting together on a regular basis to pray for their neighbours, i.e. neighbours are praying with their neighbours for their neighbours! There is no need to pray aloud. If you prefer silence, then pray in silence. Maybe one of you could read a set prayer from your church's liturgy. Or you could write out your neighbours' names and place them on a table in front of you and ask God's blessing on them. The important thing is that we get together in Jesus' name. For more information email John Studd on info@prayer-impact.org.uk. And if you're not on-line, or just don't like computers, please phone him on 01730 264857.

Spiritual food for thought:

"Ask God to open your eyes to the details around you; His hidden fingerprints on all that envelopes you... this world is His handiwork." (Dr David Jeremiah)

Any items for inclusion in the **September** PACT Newsletter to reach me by
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